

PRAYER DIARY

FOR NOVEMBER AT ST MARK'S

We can use this prayer diary to pray together, despite not being able to meet together as a gathered church family in the usual ways. Pray with us week by week for our Mission Partners and for the wider world.

Sun 1st – Sat 7th November

A prayer for All Saints Day: God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy.

We thank God today for the freedom we enjoy, and the dignity of having a vote in a democracy. We pray for the US elections, for all casting their votes this week, and for the two presidential candidates. Lord God, would you usher in leaders who listen to your voice, and seek to follow the examples of Christians throughout history who seek your kingdom. We pray too for our own country, on the brink of a new relationship with mainland Europe, and pray for peace, stability, cooperation and friendship to continue between our nations.

We pray this week for our Mission Partner Caring for Life, working with vulnerable people in north Leeds. Bring your peace and comfort Lord to all the beneficiaries who have missed being able to work at Crag Farm or in the café, and feel isolated. Thank you, Father, for the love shown by CFL staff members for those in their care, for the Zoom bible study group, for the practical help and deliveries, and the telephone calls made each week.



Sun 8th – Sat 14th November

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we remember past wars on Remembrance Day, help us not to be blind, Lord, to those caught up in conflicts today. Forgive us for our, often, inward-looking prayers. Help us to intercede on behalf of others around the world whose lives are devastated by war and violence. Today we pray for the nation of Yemen, for the millions of malnourished children, and the countless civilians injured in the long-running war. Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, bring your peace to the Yemen. Give wisdom and tenacity to all who are seeking an end to the conflict there.

Our Mission Partner Open Doors works with persecuted Christian communities, often in areas of conflict around the world. We praise God that Open Doors partners have been able to provide food aid for 2,000 Christian families impacted by the Covid-19 crisis in Iraq. "The members of my church are going through a particularly hard time," says a church

leader. "They came to the church seeking help. No one else is supporting us, but your organisation did." We pray too for Christian believers from a Muslim background, asking the God of angel armies to protect them against death threats and give them opportunities to grow in their faith.

Sun 15th – Sat 21st November

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray this week for In2Out, our Mission Partner working with young people in prison or recently released. We pray for the mentors as they work with the young people, mainly through phone calls, to encourage them to pursue their training or employment, and to choose positive behaviours and friendships. Thank you, God, that you know each young person by name, and love them unconditionally. We pray that they will each come to know your love for themselves, and we ask you, Lord, to provide strength for each person who has committed to a new direction in their lives.

We praise you, Creator God, for our planet, and thank you for the global leaders who are setting ambitious goals to reduce Carbon dioxide emissions. Give strength to all seeking ways in which we can reduce the damage to your Creation, Lord God, and join in with your healing work in Creation. Give us all ears to hear what you are calling us to do, and give us opportunities to share in your love for the natural world as we care for people, plants and animals. Give us courage to use our financial choices to bless Creation rather than exploit or waste natural resources.



Sun 22nd – Sat 28th November

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

This week we pray together for Mission Without Borders, working in Eastern Europe with local churches as they show God's love by giving practical support to families living in poverty. We pray in particular this week for

MWB's partnership with the church in Eastern Ukraine, and their partner, Pastor Oleg. Thank you, Father, that last year hope was brought into this war-torn region through MWB's 'Operation Christmas Love' parcels delivered to many families. We pray for enough money to be raised to enable parcels to be delivered again this Christmas. Pastor Oleg says, "Please pray for this region. It is a difficult economic situation, but the spiritual and psychological state of the local people is even worse. Pray that their hearts will be transformed by the light of the Gospel!"

Spend some time this week lifting to God by name those in our church community listed below. Thank God that he knows and loves each person, and that He is close to everyone. Help us all to hear your call, Father God, to follow in your service, and show us how we can be your hands and feet to bring your love and blessing to others.



We pray for the continuing needs of Anne-Marie Atkinson, Michelle Beckett, Stan and Lorraine Bisby, Christina, Merle Clayton, Helen Hardie, Frances and Andy Kershaw, Aidan and the Newton family, Julie, Maureen Preston, Pat, Rosie Rant, Liz and Shirley Ruddle, Amber Seaver, Adrian Selway, Dave Worthington. We pray also for their families and friends and all those who care for them.

We pray for all in our church family who have been recently bereaved including Andrew Clarke and Sue Woodroofe. We pray for all those who are effected by Covid 19, including Jenna McCormack and her mum Bryony. Those who are isolated and lonely. For your healing hand on those who are sick. Comfort to the bereaved.

Praying for our Mission Partners

We continue to pray for all our church's Mission Partners in this time, organisations which are having to adapt their work due to the pandemic, and also cope with a significant drop in funding. St Mark's is committed to supporting them financially and also in prayer.



Join us via YouTube Mon-Fri at 12 noon for midday prayer



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GIVING TO MISSION

Here at St Mark's we give 10% of our core income to support Christian mission at home and abroad. In addition, a substantial proportion of the Parish Share which we pay to our Diocese goes towards mission outside of our own area. We are proud to be able to support so many gospel based, kingdom initiatives which are bringing light, hope and practical help to people across our town, nation and globe.

There are two easy ways in which you can give to St Mark's Church to help maintain this valuable work:

- Regular giving
- One-off giving

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